JULIAN ALEXANDER
3417 RACE STREET
PHILADELPHIA

January 19th, 1927

Dear Dr. Robinson:-

My desire was to sit down Sunday and write you, but this is as near as I seem to have been able to get to it, for these have been busy days.

We were all so delighted with what you said at the services Saturday. Your remarks were exactly what I wanted, free from embarrassment for either the living or the dead. There were real lessons to be learned from father's life and I think you brought these out in a very impressive way in your talk.

One man, who is not perhaps all that he might be from a Christian viewpoint, said the next day to a friend "what must I do to have such things said about me when I die?". Knowing the man and the way he said it I can appreciate that remark more than you can, but it shows that he had the lesson of father's life driven home to him for the time being at least.

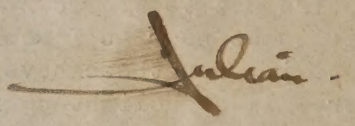
Several people have expressed themselves that they thought the services most fitting and impressive.

We do appreciate so much your coming down under such difficulties. Your letter today says that you reached home at four A. M. I do hope you did not catch cold or become too much fatigued. Your coming shows the devotion you had for father. He held you among his very closest friends and, in fact, so do all we Alexanders. I was sorry that th there was no chance for me to chat with you, I do hope that soon you will come to our house over some night so that we can visit together. I would like to have you see some of the letters that we have received from our many friends. They are wonderful testimonies of the respect that all people in every walk of life have for a "Christian Gentleman". It has been quite remarkable how so many used that term in speaking of father.

You speak of the standard father has set for us, I know, perhaps better than you do how truly high

this standard is, and only his children can know what a wonderful heritage our parents have left us in home and church life, in large and small things. God grant that we may in some small measure be worthy children of them.

We are all well, no ill affects from the cold. All send a great deal of love to Mrs. Robinson and yourself.



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LETTER RECEIVED APPRECIATE GREATLY YOUR DESIRE TO COME AND BEEPLY

REGRET YOU CANNOT BE HERE BUT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCE DO NOT FURTHER CONSIDER/TRYING TO COME WILL BE GLAD TO RECEIVE TESTIMONIAL

JULIAN ALEXANDER

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To the dear Northminister Friends,

It is a source of deepest regret that insuperable obstacles preclude my acceptance of an invitation to participate in the services in the Church, which Mr. Alexander loved so long and deeply and which I love with an affection which grows no less.

It is difficult to discriminate between friends who are loyal and dear, and in a long ministry in Northminster and elsewhere I have gathered many who shine in my memory like stars. Mr. Alexander stands out as one of the truest, brightest and best. When Mrs. Robinson and I came to Philadelphia, the Alexander family and the Alexander home were most warm in welcome, most assiduous in kindness, most generous in every way.

Mr. Alexander typifies in my mind the true Christian gentleman. His belief in the Lord Jesus Christ was unfaltering, his loyalty to the Church of Jesus Christ was without lapse in attendance, service and gift. His love for the pastor of his church was strong unchanging. His modesty was most marked. He was truly embarrassed at attention, yet he served as elder and Clerk of the Session, without a failure in duty, for thirty years. He was also Bible School teacher, worker and Trustee in past years. No man or woman ever loved who was more anxious to serve others, make joy and share pleasure. Only a little more than two months ago, Mrs. Robinson and I received so much of his kindness and attention that we greatly feared his strength was over-taxed. His kindness and cheerfulness were unceasing. Every situation was met with a smile and hopeful word. It has been my high privilege to be close to him in moments of great joy and great grief, but his spirit was bright always.

His home and family life was as nearly perfect as one attains. Never has it been my privilege to see greater family affection given and reciprocated, and that without undue indulgence, but always coupled with wise restraint and true religion. The church, the Bible and prayer were in the very warp and woof of the Alexander home. No home of the thousands I have known surpassed it in the very best things. Children and grand children were of the same spirit as well as those who married into the family. Christ is a reality in all that family circle. Mr. Alexander took greatest pride in his children. They were his first thought and concern after his wife was called away. In their early days he surrounded them with the very best spiritual influences. It was a great joy to him to see two sons and his son by marriage to his daughter, not only elders in the church he loved so much but most efficient, devoted, Godly elders.

Our friend was not a visionary person out of touch with this present world. He was most active, a man of wide travels, ever alert to see and hear every worth while thing. When past four score years his mind was as alert as a boy's. Hindrance through poor eye-sight did not check eagerness and enthusiasm. He seemed to have drank at the fountain of perpetual youth. In business Mr. Alexander had the true spirit of New Hampshire from whence he came. Conservative, wise, fair to competitors and scrupulously honest to the uttermost farthing and pride in high quality of work. It was no lucky chance but the working out of a great law that there were over fifty years of steady success and that as he once started abroad his competitors filled his

stateroom with tokens of esteem.

It is a privilege to have known him. We had better retain his memory for we probably will never see another who filled more completely and perfectly the measure of a Christian gentleman. Faultless one dare not say for who is perfect? But one can say that as husband, father, friend, churchman, citizen, business man, he measured well on toward the stature of perfect manhood in Christ Jesus.

He has now gone, the last of his generation, to be with those whom he loved so devotedly here, and to await those loved ones he leaves for a little for all are in Christ by faith and there can be no greater assurance than that.

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FRANK D. ARTHUR
23-25 BEAVER STREET
NEW YORK

My dear Dr. Robinson

I have been away and just received your letter of the 3d

I am hasting to tell you that Dr. Carson is much better - It is almost a miracle - A few days ago it was thought that he could not live over a few hours but a change came and now although not out of danger he has a good chance of recovery

He has had his good nights rest and has begun to take nourishment - His Doctors are most hopeful

We of this Church have

FRANK D. ARTHUR
23-25 BEAVER STREET
NEW YORK

had a very serious time
and his recovery seem to be
in answer to our prayers

It will be a long time before
he will be able to be in his
pulpit - but we can wait
it in the end our prayers are
answered

Thank you very much for
the letter

Wishing both Mrs Robinson
and yourself - a Happy new
Year I am

Yours sincerely
Frank D Arthur

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DR W C ROBINSON

DELHI NY

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ADVISING YOU DEAR FATHER PASSED SUDDENLY BUT QUIETLY AWAY THIS MORNING AFTER AN ACUTE HEART ATTACK CHURCH FUNERAL SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT TWO OCLOCK CAN YOU COME AND TAKE PART IN SERVICE

JULIAN ALEXANDER

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Helli Mt – Nov. 18. 1926

My dear Mait –

Absence and delayed mails prevented me from reading your letter until this afternoon. I have looked over my files. One letter which I vividly recall having received from Dr. Stevenson favoring Newman I am unable to find. Let me give you the elections as I recall them. All Directors since I came on the Board have been elected unanimously. I have been present at meetings of Nominating Com. for many years. (1) Reid Dickson was chosen against my expressed opinion. The argument which carried in his favor was that you and Dr. Stevenson favored him. I cannot recall whether Stevenson was present at meeting or not. The meeting was held in Martin's office. Patterson and, I think, McEwan were present. (2) At a meeting in Old Oratory Alexander Hall I nominated Bruce. No one knew him. Finney was present and he and others of Com. accepted my says. Said I so said. Lord Altman at 10-6 o'clock an adjournment assumed by Altman and later by Inglis and Pearson of his committee. You did not like the election made in your absence and as a result proposed the present by-law which I think failed of two-thirds vote but Black's record is against my recollection. Nichols, as I recall, agreed with me. At any rate Mr Lass worked under that until now. (3) I think I suggested Russell and

by correspondence received approval of Patterson Radcliffe and Finney. Have not found the letters yet.
(4) Dr. Macaulay was strongly endorsed by Dr. Radcliffe Have not found the letter yet. Perhaps it is destroyed as I did not keep them all. So far as I recall no opposition to him appeared anywhere. (5) I have forgotten the circumstances surrounding election of Dr. Brank. No one opposed him to my knowledge.
(6) Under date of June 21, 1924. I have this type-written signed by "Stevenson" "Mr Logan C. Murray died about two weeks ago. In connection with the vacancy I have been wondering whether that Binghamton man who has turned his back on Auburn could be of any service now." He referred to Hinman. I did not know whether Hinman was ordained Elder or not. By accident I found out from son of Rev. J. J. Lawrence D.D. that he was ordained in 1st Ch. Binghamton - but differing from his pastor ceased active service. I arranged information to Pres. Stevenson. I am positive he wrote me a letter telling me to go to it. That letter I cannot find. I wrote Hinman saying Pres. Stevenson and Dr Wright of him as a Director. I have his reply saying he would esteem it a great honor. Dr. Stevenson certainly approved of Hinman who was nominated Oct. 1923. (5) You may recall that Drs. Fox, Patterson and Mr. Mason died a few months thereafter leaving the unusual number of four vacancies. Hinman was already nominated so there were those to nominate. I had no man in

mind except Elder W. J. Hand of Scranton with whom I talked in Grand Rapids. I had known him a long time, often preached at his request in Scranton. Talking over Princeton matters I had said to him something to the effect that I would like to have him on our Board. In June or July 1925 I wrote Stevenson about vacancies. Names were suggested to me which I repeated to him viz; Allison of Bridgeport Latham of Chester Pa. (suggested by Macartney). I mentioned all these names but the President presented very good reasons, as I thought, why two were not available. At Dr. Stevenson's hint or request made in personal interview I called meeting of Nominating Com. in Phila early in April. In a letter now before me Dr. Stevenson did make a few suggestions. Judge Fox of Easton, Dr Hutchinson of Pittsburgh Dr. J. H. Stevenson of Cincinnati – That letter is marked confidential and I will not show it except in Dr. Stevenson's presence. The confidential part relates to other matters and I betray nothing in mentioning his suggestions which, in my opinion, he had full right to make. He did not press any name unduly but gave reasons for suggestions. At the meeting every member was present. Stevenson, McEwan, Macartney, Bruce Nichols and I as Chairman. We opened with prayer. Hand – W. J. Bryan and I think one or two other elders were suggested. It was brought out that Mr Hand was in exceedingly poor health

Dr. Macartney urged him somewhat but one remark of his destroyed any chances for his nomination. Several ministers were mentioned of whom I recall Schall of Wayne Pa. Latham I think. Finally after extended discussion Dr. Stevenson presented three names, Craig Hutchinson and Hodge M.D. There was no objection to any except I doubted the wisdom of a third prominent Pittsburgh Clergyman - believing in wider extension. Dr. McEwan argued for Hutchinson and Hodge. I think, but do not know, that J. A. Stevenson was spoken of. I had previously objected because he lived too far away. However after close scrutiny Dr. Macartney objecting somewhat & both Hodge and Hutchinson (head, more met objections and he made the motion (I think), at least he voted for, the three nominated by President Stevenson. I am glad all felt rejoiced that there had been so little friction - Dr. McEwan made a prayer of thanksgiving & God for our hearty and unanimous agreement.

(6) I was not present Oct. 1926 and know nothing as to what took place except from the Board's minutes. I am positive I am correct in my statements. I would swear to it in Court. In fact until very recently I thought Directors Chasm met Dr. Stevenson's approval. I have a letter written April 23. 1925 by President Stevenson with his own hand

not dictated - in which I find these words in answer to a letter of mine in which I told him we were glad to acquiesce in his suggestions. "My dear Robinson: It is hardly necessary for me to say that I wholly share your gratitude with the outcome of the Com. on nominations, in answer to prayer, and we should be in constant intercession regarding the meeting of the Board on May 11th, that then the same spirit of unity may prevail." Now I do not know except by rumor that Dr Stevenson or any other is criticising the nominations. Again and again Dr. Stevenson wrote me we wanted men conservative according to Princeton's history. I have sought to have sound, orthodox men placed on the Board - but except Bruce and Bennett I only acquiesced in suggestions of others. Now you have the facts. I will answer to them But use them wisely and with caution. I do not believe they should be used except the matter is brought before the committee of Assembly or the Board. To discuss it in private conversation will add heat. We must strive in all honor to find a path of unity and concord else Princeton will be grievously injured. Whichever side (if there be sides) may win now or in May next. I think you should try to get Erdman into some harmonious state of mind. He loves

Princeton, it seems, has had all the honors any man should desire, and is today the most influential factor in whole situation. You get him with you - You and he put the President where he is - now you and he mismanaged our Congle. Ah the Macaulay - Erdman Contest of 1924 against which I begged and protested had been stopped before it started we would have had no mix-up today. All of us have blundered - Stevenson - Erdman - Manning Kennedy - Machen Armstrong - you and I - all of us have blundered - Now let us get together - We must do it or Princeton Seminary will be changed in organization, personnel and theological and scholarship standards -

Will see you in Princeton if nothing interferes & stop me -

Cordially yours

W. O. Robinson

My dear Dr Robinson

Your letter just
might touch me
both - not only in
the sympathy expressed
but that out of in-
tercy life you should
have remembered
Times - We were
much in one - not
in Contact for

Ich danke Ihnen noch
für Ihre Güte. Frau
Jou für Ihre Mühe
sehr zu, wie sehr
ich mich freue, sie
realisiert
zu sehen.

Ihr
Klaus Mann

3417 Race Street.

Dear Dr. Robinson:-

We were so glad to hear, in your letter to Horace, that you expected to be in Phila. for a whole week. I do hope I am not writing too late to get hold of you both for a dinner anyway. We do want to see

have written sooner, but these have been busy days for the Hill family, with a new little boy arriving, and two other little boys very much in evidence with their relatives; so the days had passed quicker than I realized.

We are all delighted to think you are coming down.

Affectionately yours,

Virginia Hill Alexander.

October 20.

DEAN K. WEBSTER,
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Albany, New York,
May 27, 1926.

Mr. W. Cortland Robinson,
Cherry Hill,
Delhi, New York.

Dear Sir:

I note that our Mr. L. S. Schell issued a binder in our Grain Dealers Mutual Fire Insurance Company instead of the Automobile Mutual Liability Insurance Company. I am enclosing the correct binder and will ask you to return the one you have to us in the enclosed envelope.

Very truly yours,

Automobile Mutual Liability Insurance Company

was:oct By W A Stannard

enc. Manager.

E. P. ALEXANDER
3412 BARING STREET
PHILADELPHIA

April 9
1926

Dear Dr. Robinson

I am enclosing photograph of the memorial window placed at head of stairway leading up to the auditorium of church, west side.

The coloring is

beautiful - many
one seems to admire
it. I hope soon
you and Mrs Robinson
can see it some
time soon.

The letter you sent
to Emily pleased them
very much and was
greatly appreciated by
her parents.

Sincerely yours
E. P. Hyatt

ARCH ST. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EIGHTEENTH AND ARCH STREETS, PHILADELPHIA

CLARENCE EDWARD MACARTNEY, D.D., MINISTER

JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY TODAY AND FOREVER

HOLY HOLY HOLY IS THE LORD OF HOSTS
THE WHOLE EARTH IS FULL OF HIS GLORY

SABBATH, MARCH 21, 1926

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Lord God, draw nigh unto all those whose hearts are heavy with the sense of moral failure; who did not what they would, and what they would not, that they did. Show them that thou art the God of compassion and long-suffering, that Thou knowest our frame and rememberest that we are dust. Amen.

Morning Worship, 10.45 o'Clock

Preludes—"Doloroso," "Grazioso" *Lemare*
"Spring Song" *Hollins*
"Andante" *Beethoven*

Doxology

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn—No. 85

The Scripture Lesson

Prayer

Offering—For Auto Fund for Foreign Missionary

Offertory—Contralto Solo, "Jesus of Nazareth, King!" *Hamblen*

Jesus of Nazareth, King! A humble Nazarene, upon a cross of shame, pierced and bruised, is suffering for those who scorned His name. Around His form is hovering grim Death, with sable wing. Above His head a sign is writ; that title nailed above Him, in tongues that all might read and scorn His bitter agony, bare witness to His need. He little knew its meaning, who wrote that mocking sign, for mortal hand hath never penned an epic so divine. Hail, King Eternal, all praise to Thee, who bore our sorrows on yonder Tree! Own we Thy sceptre in willing thrall. Hail, hail, King of all!

Response and Blessing—"All things come of Thee, O Lord,
And of Thine own have we given Thee."

Hymn—No. 604

Sermon by Rev. Wm. Courtland Robinson, D.D.

Prayer

Hymn—No. 79

Benediction

Response by the Choir

Postlude

SABBATH SCHOOL

Immediately following the morning service. Stairway entrance at west side of the pulpit. PRIMARY Department entrance at east side of pulpit.

Men's Bible Class will meet with main school, upstairs.

Christian Endeavor Society

Senior in the Chapel, 6.45 P. M.

Topic: "What does Jesus Mean by Cross-bearing?"
Matt. 16:21-28; John 10:11-16.

Leader: John Stephen.

Recital on the Turner Memorial Organ at 7.30 o'Clock

THE CHOIR

FLORENCE C. LEWIS, *Soprano*
LAURA T. BAST, *Contralto*
ALFRED P. KITCHEN, *Tenor*
JAMES NOBLE HIRST,
GEO. A. MAHL, *Baritones*

MORRISON C. BOYD, F. A. G. O., *Organist*

"Suite" *Ethelbert Nevin*

Anthem for Five Voices—"Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace" *S. S. Wesley, Mus. Doc.*, 1810-1876, Grandson of Charles Wesley

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee. The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day. The darkness and the light to Thee are both alike. God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. O let my soul live and it shall praise Thee, for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for evermore.

Evening Worship, 8.00 o'Clock

Hymn—No. 312

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

The Scripture Lesson

Prayer

Offering—For Auto Fund for Foreign Missionary

Offertory Anthem—"The Lord Is My Light" *Horatio Parker*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? When the wicked came upon me to eat up my flesh they stumbled and fell. Though a host of men be laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid; and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in Him.

Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto Thee; have mercy upon me and hear me. Thou hast been my succor; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation. O tarry thou the Lord's leisure, be strong, and comfort thine heart!

Response and Blessing—"All things come of Thee, O Lord,
And of Thine own have we given Thee."

Hymn—No. 281

Sermon by Rev. Wm. Courtland Robinson, D.D.

Prayer

Hymn—No. 314

Benediction

Response by the Choir

Postlude

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Church is set in the world to be the light of truth. But it is also here to manifest the principles of the Divine society. The crowning principle of that society is love. The Church, therefore, set in the midst of a world made strange and lonely and hostile by sin, must illustrate the beauty of kindness and Christian fellowship. Are we all, as members of Christ's Church, helping so to proclaim the Church to the world?

Minister on Home Field	Minister on Foreign Field
Rev. I. H. Gabbard, Cow Creek, Ky.	Rev. H. E. Wylie, A. P. Mission, Ferozepore, Punjab, India

Church Notes

To-day

The preacher for today is the Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, of Delhi, N. Y., and formerly the Pastor of the Northminster Presbyterian Church, this city. We welcome Dr. Robinson to our pulpit.

Dr. Macartney is preaching today in Pittsburgh at the Sixth United Presbyterian Church.

The flowers are given by Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan Harrar, in memory of their sons, John Russell Harrar and Robert Gibson Harrar.

The Elders of this Church meet for prayer in the Session Room every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock. At that hour let us remember to ask God's blessing upon the Church.

Monday

10.00 A. M. Woman's Guild, in Church House, second floor front.

Wednesday

8.00 P. M. Service of prayer and praise.

Friday

Friday, March 26th—The Christian Endeavor Society will hold its regular monthly business meeting and social hour. A large attendance is requested—with every member present.

General

Treasurers, Managers and Collectors of all organizations are requested to send their Annual Reports of all moneys collected and expended for the fiscal year, beginning April 1, 1925, to the Financial Secretary, Mr. Geo. R. Ashwood, 1724 Arch Street.

Pikeville College: $100 will pay the running expenses for a single day of this fine Presbyterian College in the mountains of Kentucky. Our Session suggests to interested friends of this work that they contribute towards this fund of $100.

Thursday, March 25th. C. E. Members, please remember the meeting at the Mission, 238 North Eighth Street, tonight, at 8 o'clock.

On Friday, April 2d, at 4 o'clock, there will be a service in this Church. Dr. Macartney will preach the sermon.

On Easter morning, April 4th, at 7.30 o'clock, the Philadelphia Christian Endeavor Union will hold their Quiet Hour Service in our Church.

The Next Communion: The Lord's Supper will be celebrated Sunday morning, April 11th.

Radio Letter: Just a word of encouragement telling how much we enjoyed your sermon on "Repentance" this evening as received through our radio. Being redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, we always enjoy hearing the gospel preached in simplicity to those who are yet "out of Christ." We were thankful, too, for the words of warning in your sermon. Trusting God will bless your efforts to spread forth the good tidings, we are, sincerely, A Few of Your Invisible Audience.

Sermons on Immortality. Fleming H. Revell, 158 Fifth Ave., New York City, has just published a volume by Dr. Macartney, "Putting on Immortality—Reflections on the Future Life." This book will follow the subjects treated in the series of sermons. It will include, also, the series on "Beyond the Grave," now running in the *Ladies' Home Journal*. On sale at all bookstores.

IN MEMORIAM

Miss Mary E. Rea, died March 14th.

Questions which confront Every Commissioner to the General Assembly.

1. The great question of denominational peace within our own borders? Is it to be obtained at a sacrifice of our Confession and Constitution or their amendment? Can we allow the right of individual Ministers or Elders to place their own interpretation upon our Standards, or have they been repeatedly interpreted by the deliverance of the General Assembly? Can peace be obtained until the church is purged of its minority who cannot accept its standards and constitution? Is peace ever possible at the sacrifice of principle? Is not our trouble the irreconcileable factions in the church which cannot be brought together except by the surrender of one. Can a house divided against itself stand? Ought we to stand firmly for our historic creed, or surrender it?

Think these questions out, you will be compelled to answer them at the Assembly.

2. Are Presbyteries to be allowed autonomy in the matter of his licensure and ordination of candidates? May they determine the fitness of a candidate by methods that are not constitutional? Can they determine that certain confessional doctrines may be denied and still the candidate be licensed? Is this not an attempt to congregationalize the Presbyterian Church by some of its Presbyteries? Ought not the General Assembly stand firm against any such attempt, and demand obedience to the law and Doctrine of the Church by its Presbyteries?

You will be compelled to answer this at the coming Assembly.

3. Is it right to have a business management in some of our boards and agencies so poor that the overhead administrative costs are out of all reason, and debts are amounting up in hundreds of thousands of dollars? Is not the new reorganization plan a failure? Is not the church restless and unenthusiastic in their support of some of our boards owing to a loss of confidence? Ought we to be afraid to correct such abuses? You will have to face this question at the Assembly.

4. Is it not necessary for us to determine our own position doctrinally and vote as we believe? Is it right to vote on the side which does not really represent our convictions from sentimental reasons or for fear that someone will be offended? In such a great crisis in the church ought not every man to stand for the truth at any cost? Ought not we to see to it as far as we are able that only men loyal to our standards and government shall be placed on councils, commissions, and especially our judicial commission and general council?

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Dear Dr. Robinson

Thank you for letter of 11th inst.

We too have had a lot of snow but not as deep as you report at Decatur. yesterday we had thunder & lightning with a heavy downpour of rain. To day warm sunshine is thawing the snow and ice.

I am glad the coal strike

is ours and hope does
can get a supply soon.

We are pleased to know
that Stewart and his family
are so well situated.

It is fine for me to be
with our to boys during
Fay Charlotte's parents
vacation. We are all
pretty well. I received
frequent letters from Emily
and we had Ray to
dinner two or three
visits during the
holidays.

The work on Northwick church is finished as to the exterior and the auditorium is all wonderfully fine. The first service upstairs was a week ago yesterday. The vestibule staircase ways will be done next and later, during the summer the lower rooms.

I have ordered a memorial window to be placed over the west doorway.

We all join in love to you and Mrs. Robertson

Sincerely, E. P. Hyde